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JOSEPH B. M'CULLAGH'S DEATH DUE

TO AN ACCIDENT.

Verdict of the Coroner's Jury-Resolu-

tions Adopted by the Newspaper

Men. of St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.- The inquest over the

remains of Joseph B. McCullagh, the vet-

eryman, who was Mr. McCullagh's closest

friend in life, was the only witness exam-

ined. He said, "No man can make me be-

lieve that he was a suicide." Dr. Wait, the

coroner, thereupon ordered a verdict to the

effect that "death was due to a fracture

of the skull, received by a fall from a win-

dow while under the influence of sleep and

It is not known whether the deceased left

will or not. According to Mr. Bohle.

who is in the best position to know, the

value of the editor's estate is about \$100 -

000, mainly consisting of stock in the Globe

A meeting of representative newspaper

men of St. Louis was held to-day in mem-

ory of the dead editor. There were present

the heads of the editorial and business de-

partments of the daily papers, representa-

tives of the weekly press and others, who

editor. Resolutions were reported and

"Whereas, the late Joseph B. McCullagh,

editor of the Globe-Democrat, has come to

his death under circumstances that lend it

an added sorrow in the community in which

"Whereas, it is proper that his associ-

ates and comrades in newspaper work in

St. Louis should in some formal manner express their grief and regret at this mel-

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the

newspaper men of St. Louis, in meeting as-

Juliagh the profession of journalism, whose

scope he extended, and to which his genius

brought an enlarged influence wherever his

work was known, has sustained an irrepar-

Mr. McCullagh had won a conspicuous

place in the foremost rank of the journal-

by native ability and adaptation for the

Resolved. That upon us, his co-workers

in the profession in which he was a prom-

inent figure, his death falls with a sense

of personal loss. We recognize in him a

man who not only adhered to a high stand-

to that work conscience, as well as intelli-

gence and sincere conviction, and who con-

heart that beat warmly for his fellow-men.

and especially for his fellow-craftsmen,

whose charities were extensive, but never

known through any disclosures of his own,

whose integrity was never impeached, and

whose purse and sympathies were always

at the command of the unfortunate and

A committee was appointed to attend the

Ontario's Capital Shaken.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 2 .- Ottawa was vis-

work, but by that tireless energy, diligence

and exalted conception of his duty to his

loss; in the opinon of his co-workers

incholy and tragic event; therefore,

adopted as follows:

ne lived and worked; and,

great and wholesome.

of those in distress.'

funeral Sunday afternoon.

gas, the result of an accident,'

Big 4 Route Cigar Sale

TIME CARD NOV. 1, 1896.

Trains leave Indianapolis Union Station as follows:

Cleveland & Buffalo.	A. M. TRAINS.			P. M. TRAINS.		
	*4.15, 10.35		*6.25			
New York & Boston.	*4.15	****	10.35		*** **	*6.23
Columbus	4.15	6.20	40.35	3.25	*4.50	*6.25
Dayton	4.15		10.35		*4.50	46.55
Springfield, O Shelbyville &		6.20		3.25	*****	****
Greensburg	*4.15	7.30	10.50	e2.45	5.30	#6,26
Cincinnati	*4.15					
Addi nal Cincinnati.	*3.45				1000100	
Louisville	#3,45	*4.15		·2.45	*****	
Terre Haute &						
Mattoon		*7.30	#11.45	3.50	*11.20	
St. Louis		47.30	*11.45		*11.20	
Danville, Ill., &			100000	****		
Champaign		7.25	*11.45	4.00	*11.15	and the
Bloomington &						
Peoria		7.25	+11.45		+11.15	
Lafayette	*12.05	7.10	*11.50	3.50	5.15	
Chicago	¥12.05		+11.50	3.50		
Marion & Wabash	6.35		11 15	2000	#4.50	
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FIVE MEN INJURED.

Burned or Maimed During a Fire in Cheap New York Hotel.

ken: George White, face and hands burned: Patrolman Frederick Stahl, face and hands burned. Stahl was the first to discover the these were the first to leave the building. Eber and Lizzaure tried to escape from the second floor by way of the window. Eber, in jumping to the sidewalk, broke one of his ribs. Lizzaure missed his footing and

Sixteen Members of the Expedition, Including Stephen Crane, the Novelist, Probably Lost.

STORY TOLD BY SURVIVORS

Dynamite Cruiser Vesuvius and the Dispatch Boat Dolphin to Assist

in Patroling the Coast.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 2.-The steamer Commodore, which cleared from this port for Cienfuegos, Cuba, on Thursday, foundered off New Smyrna at an early hour this morning. Twenty-eight men were | ceased. on board of the steamer, and so far as known only twelve were saved. One boat not been heard from. The steamer is rewhile crossing the bar at the mouth of the river and had been leaking almost from the

arrived here this evening on the train from New Smyrna, accompanied by eleven other survivors, all of the latter being Cubans. Major Delgado was met at the train by J. A. Huah, Florida's representative of the Cuban Junto, to whom he told the story of the wreck. Delgado reported that he was awakened about 12 o'clock midnight Friday night by the report that the steamer was leaking. The pumps would not work, and the men set to work to bail the steamer out. This proved ineffectual, and soon the engineer reported that it was impossible to go any further, as the water had put out the fires in the engines. The Commodore was then twenty miles out to sea, and was running toward Mosquito inlet light. The boats were lowered and Delgado and all the others got into one boat and pulled away. The sea was rough. It was 3:30 a. m. and dark. Delgado was of the impression that the other boats were lowered at the same time, but he was not certain. He knew nothing about the sinking of the steamer or whether any other than those in his boat were saved.

Stephen Crane, probably the best-known American on board, was with Captain Murour stock. Before you buy your Christmas | phy in one of the boats. They have not been heard from.

Owner Bisbee says that the Dauntless POWER & DRAKE will be loaded up with a cargo on her return and clear for Cuba. Over ten carloads of munitions of war are stored in this immediate vicinity awaiting transportation. The man-of-war Newark is now off the bar NOT A CASE OF SUICIDE to aid the revenue cutters in their work.

Novelist Crane Probably Lost. JACKSONVILLE Fla., Jan. 2.-It is feared here at midnight that Captain Murphy. Novelist Crane and fifteen of the missing crew of the Commodore are lost, The second mate and eleven men arrived here to-night, but threw little light on it. They say that the vessel struck on St. John's bar going out, causing a leak. A private telegram from Daytona early in the evening stated that an empty boat was washed ashore there this afternoon, botly discerned off shore with people trying to land, but the office closed before they landed, so nothing further can be learned eran editor of the Globe-Democrat, was to-night. continued to-day. Louis C. Bohle, the liv-

TO STOP FILIBUSTERING.

President Cleveland Determined to

End Unlawful Expeditions. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.-The dynamite cruiser Vesuvius and the armed dispatch vessel Dolphin have been ordered to Florida waters to reinforce the already numerous fleet of government vessels now engaged in the effort to suppress the filibustering expeditions bound for Cuba. There are now two war ships-the Newark and the Raleigh-helping the revenue cutters in this service, and it may be that the cutter fleet will also be reinforced if it is practicable to spare any more of the few vessels still held on duty for the usual revenue marine service on the Atlantic coast. This is somewhat doubtful, for it is said that nearly all of the revenue cutters which are not absolutely required at the present moment had been friends and admirers of the dead | to perform boarding duty are already on the Florida coast, or on watch for filibusters elsewhere. All of this force gathered in one vicinity is taken to mean that the government is determined to leave no sound ground for claim by the Spanish requirements of international law in preventing the departure of hostile expeditions from our shores to aid the Cubans, the "due vigilance" prescribed as a condition of avoiding pecuniary responsibility sembled, that in the death of Joseph B. Mcfor the damage wrought by filibusters.

The Dolphin is at the Washington navy yard and probably will sail as soon as she can get on board the necessary stores and ammunition. Her captain, Commander Clover, was at the Navy Department toism of the country, and he won it not only day consulting with the officials respecting the programme for the movements of his ship. Though a dispatch vessel techreaders and to the general public that must | nically, the Dolphin would be a formidable inspire all newspaper work that is at once | craft to a filibuster, not so much on account of her speed, which is about fifteen knots, as from her machine guns, her main battery and active crew. She carries two 47-millimeter Hotchkiss guns, several sixard of professional work, but who brought | pounder guns of the same type and two 4-inch rapid-fire rifles. From his experience as chief of the hydrographic office Commander Clover is well fitted to navigate his ship safely in the narrow channels and

passes of the Florida coast. The Vesuvius should be particularly useful in patrol duty on account of her speed, twenty-one knots an hour, and there is nothing affoat on the Atlantic coast in the shape of a merchant private-owned vessel that could escape her in a fair run, with more conservative members had agreed to the possible exception of that yacht Vam-oose, and it is said it would be a "toss-up" report the resolution, with the understand-ing that no effort should be made to call it up until after the recess. The movement

a small but effective battery made up of three three-pounder Hotchkiss guns, suffi-cient to stop anything short of an armored craft within a distance of three miles. She draws only seven feet of water and, therefore, will be able to follow the small filibustering craft into the shallow waters in which, heretofore, they have found a refuge from the deep draft naval vessals and

larger revenue cutters. The Vesuvius is now at the League Island navy yard fitting out rapidly for service after lying out of commission for nearly two years. It is expected that she can go into commission on the 12th inst, under command of Lieutenant Commander Fillsbury, who has been de-tached from the naval war college, The question was asked of the treasury officials to-day what more in the direction of restraining the departure of vessels with war ships than of one, as long as the Cu-

ban-bound boats are permitted to clear regularly and according to law. No satisfac-tory answer could be returned, but it appeared that the officials are acting under the belief that the "clearance" scheme is really intended as a blind, and that the purpose of the Cubans is to have one or more relief boats slip away surreptitiously while he authorities are looking after the departure of the vessel for which clearance papers are sought.

EDICTS BY WEYLER.

orders Intended to Prevent Rebels

Securing Supplies. HAVANA, Jan. 2.-Since Fonsdeviela was appointed military governor of Guanabacoa peace has reigned in that suburban town, and greater confidence exists among persons loyal to the Spanish government. The insurgents have apparently ceased their attacks upon the town, and the uneasiness of the inhabitants caused by the continual firing at night has evidently

General Bosch, who, with General Rey, is encamped at Gyiri, in the province of Santiago, has succeeded in effecting the rewas washed ashore empty, and another one moval of insurgent fortifications in the landed with twelve men. The Commodore path of his advance. He claims to have carried two other boats, but these have dislodged the insurgents from their position among the hills of Lordo and Piedera, as well as to have inflicted considerable ported to have sunk about twenty miles loss upon the insurgents. The column of out to sea. The Commodore struck twice Laker Munoz rendered effective aid to Spanish side were three officers and Dr.

on recently in the provinces of Santa Clara and Matanzas. It is claimed that Maj. Ricardo A. Delgado, one of the crew, the insurgents left thirty-four dead on the field, among them Lieutenant Hernadez. General Fuentes, while reconnoitering from San Juan de Dios, in the province of Pinar del Rio, in the vicinity of Begona Asuncion and Herradura, fought several groups of insurgents.

Upon their arival from Candelaria, Jacinto Estevez and Julia and Terresa Belancourt were arrested for reasons political. Julia and Teresa Belancourt are mother and daughter, respectively. Teresa Belancourt carried with her a child only two

General Weyler, from Bayato encampment, issued two edicts dated on New Year's day. These edicts prohibit the existence and sale of hardware, saddlery, clothing, provisions and medicines in towns where fortifications do not exist. Eight days after the date of the issuance of the edict stores in all unprotected vinages and hamlets must be closed, and all of the goods must be removed to stronger places. This same order applies to stores on sugar estates, unfortified, in the other provinces. This edict takes effect eight days after publication, and persons found guilty of violation of these orders will be considered as rebel sympathizers, and tried and condemned as uch. The second edict orders the formaion of a "cultivated zone" around the arger towns. A piece of ground will be alloted free of charge to the different famlies there assembled. These families will be allowed to plant vegetables and to harvest the crops thus raised. An exception s made in the case of women who have brothers and husbands now serving in the insurgent army. No allotment of any kind will be made for them. This freehold use of the land will last six months after the

It is reported that the well-known leader Jose Maria Aguirre countly died of pneu-The surrender on horseback while armed the well-known Havana insurgent eader, Maj. Juan Manuel Perez Alderete. who, nineteen months ago, was named as secretary of the province of Santa Clara by the so-called insurgent President Cisneros, is reported. He left Santiago some time ago for the purpose of delivering to Maceo documents written by Gomez. He says that many of the insurgents are desirous of surrendering. He asserts that they are naked, sick and without horses. Alderete is sure that Maceo was killed. He claims that he has not been well treated by Maceo and Gomez. He is also of the opinion that Dr. Zertucha was not well treated by Maceo. Alderete adds an account of how the secretary of Julio Sanguilly, Gerardo Pertela, was deserted by Antonio Maceo while suffering from a ball wound in his ankle. Alderete says he came from Santiago by sea, and that this is a favorite route of travel for many of the in-Vice Consul Springer sailed for the

United States on the steamer Orizaba. WHAT CUBANS WANT.

Mr. Pierra Says Nothing Short of Independence Will Be Accepted. CLEVELAND, Jan. 2. - Secretary Fidel

tom up. At dusk another boat was dim- G. Pierra, of the Cuban Junto, arrived in Cleveland to-day. "We struck the word 'compromise' out of our vocabulary two years ago," was his reply to a reporter's query as to whether the compromise to which Spain now seems inclined would be possible. "With us there shall be no such thing as compromise. We will have no home rule-nothing that will keep the Spanish flag on Cuban soil. Home rule would mean only a few misrepresentations and broken promises and a renewal of hostiliies in a few months. We want independence or we want war." "Has the death of Maceo affected your

hopes of victory? 'No. indeed. His murder was a tremen dous shock to us, but it will only make the struggle more deadly because it will intensify the hatred of the patriots. A capable chief has taken Maceo's place, and you can depend on it the fight will go on." "Are you taking any steps to encourage he emigration of would-be soldiers to

"No: we don't need men. What we need arms and ammunition, and with 100,000 rifles we could end the war. The Cuban sympathy mass meeting this vening filled Army and Navy Hail to the loors. The gathering was an enthusiastic Addresses were delivered by Senor Fidel G. Pierra, secretary of the Cuban Junto in New York; Dr. Henry Lincoln Zayas, secretary of the Cuban army and Relief Corps, also of New York; Rabbi M. Herbert W. Wolcott and Rev Robert C. Hutchins, of this city, and Rev. George W. Pepper, ex-consul to Milan. resolutions were adopted amid much enthusiasm. The resolutions, which expressed sympathy for the Cubans and asked for ontributions in their behalf, concluded as

"Resolved. That we appeal for a true republican form of government for the people of Cuba, and that we view with alarm and indignation the rumored negotiations between this government and Spain for a pretended autonomy for Cuba and the delivery of the Cuban people, bound hand and foot, to the mercy of a ruthless en-A movement was started to raise funds for the assistance of the patriots, and quite a sum was collected before the meeting

CAMERON'S RESOLUTION.

Possibility that Its Consideration May Be Postponed for a Time. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.-There is a move-

ment on foot in the Senate committee on foreign relations to have consideration of the Cameron Cuban resolution postponed until the question can be reconsidered by the committee at its meeting on Wednesday of next week. When the resolution was reported to the Senate it was agreed by the committee that it should be called up immediately after the holiday recess. The more ardent supporters of the resolution had been anxious to have the question up for immediate consideration before adjournment, and only had yielded when the fell to the sidewalk, fracturing his right arm, leg and thigh. The burns suffered by Officer Stahl and O'Brien and White were incurred while they were aiding others out over the city. It caused considerable expectation of the building. The loss is \$5,000.

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BODY OF W. A. HAMMOND FOUND FLOATING IN LAKE MICHIGAN.

Stole Out of His Residence at Evanston, Ill., Early Yesterday Morning, and Drowned Himself.

PROBABLY FEARED

FOR HIS PART IN WRECKING THE NATIONAL BANK OF ILLINOIS.

Vice President of the Failed Institution, and Was Charged with Lending Money on Bad Security.

'CHICAGO, Jan. 2.-W. A. Hammond, vice president of the National Bank of Illinois, and who is said to have been responsible for its failure, committed suicide by drowning in Lake Michigan at Evanston this morning. Sixteen-year-old W. E. Gedney, with a companion, was walking along the beach in the vicinity of Church street, few feet from the shore. The face was looking downward, but the boys were able little difficulty in hauling it in. An ambulance was called and the body was removed to an undertaking establishment. The body was clothed quite scantily. Nothing of importance was found in the pockets. Some keys, one of which appeared to be that of a safety deposit box, were in the trousers. At the undertaking rooms the body of Mr. Hammond was soon identified by friends. Mrs. Hammond is completely prostrated, and under the constant care of a physician. The ex-banker was the father of four children. They are Eunice, thirteen years old; Louise, eleven; Elizabeth,

seven, and Lawrence, two. Mr. Hammond, who resided in a palatial home at Evanston, an aristocratic and scholastic suburb of Chicago, retired as usual last night. This morning the members of his family going to his room, found it empty. Search was begun for him, and it finally led his friends to the Dempsterstreet pier. There they found a number of private papers in Mr. Hammond's handwriting. This convinced the searchers that he had probably committed suicide by jumping into the lake. The life-saving crew at Evanston was immediately notified and began a quick search for the body. A tug was also wired to go from Chicago for the same purpose, but their search was fruitless, the boys finding the body as stated.

MRS. HAMMOND'S STORY. Last night Mr. Hammond visited the home of Percy Palmer, an old friend and confidential adviser. He returned to his residence about 11 o'clock. At 11:30 he retired for the night. He and his wife have been in the habit of sleeping in adjacent rooms. Early this morning Mrs. Hammond woke up and noticed the door connecting the two apartments was open. The door stood at a different angle from what it had stood when she went to sleep. She left her bed and looked into his room. The clothes on the bed were thrown back and her husband was not there. His night robe hung ove the rear of the bed, his watch was on the table, but his trousers, coat and underclothing were nowhere to be found. This frightened her and she at once sent for Birney J. Moore, an old friend of the family, who was told of Mrs. Hammond's suspicions. He drove hurriedly to the house. On his way he stopped at the home of Mr. Lord, of Lord, Owen & Co. At the house they sent a telephone message to Chief ing him of the startling intelligence.

Bartram, of the police department, inform-Both men looked over the Hammond house and satisfied themselves that the worst was to be expected, and they as once drove down Dempster street in the direction of the lake. They soon found a ous scraps of paper, which led to the end of the Foster pier at the foot of Dempster street. The rain of the night had soaked the scraps of paper and they had clung to the boards, but it had also made the contents almost illegible. About five feet from the end of the pier Mr. Moore discovered scraps of paper, which settled the conviction in his mind that Mr. Hammond had taken his life. Among the scraps were a number of pieces of a typewritten document, on one of which was Mr. Hammond's signature. The writing on the other scraps was recognized as that of the ex-banker's. He had evidently torn a number of documents into shreds, scattering the parts as he walked down the length

MR. PALMER'S STATEMENT.

Percy Palmer, who was one of Hammond's most intimate friends and business associates, was the last man who saw Hammond alive. Mr. Palmer said to-day that Ham-. mond called at the Palmer home in Evanston, which is only a few minutes' walk from that occupied by the Hammonds. about 8 o'clock last night. He remained there until 11 o'clock in conversation with Mr. Palmer. They talked of the future and what might be done to place Hammond again on his feet. Mr. Palmer noticed that Hammond frequently wandered away from the general theme, and seemed to be entirely oblivious of the presence of anyone. seemed to be making an to understand what was being he saw plainly that Hammond's mind was weakened and that his troubles were weighing more heavily on him than had been noticed before. When Hammond arose to go to his home Mr. Palmer asked the privilege of accompanying him. was denied him, and Hammond left the house alone. Mr. Palmer did not see him after this time, nor did he know of his disappearance until this morning, when Mrs. Hammond informed him of it. latter told him that on her husband's arrival home he went directly to his room. and Mrs. Hammond retired almost immediately after. She remembered Mr. Hammond coming into the room about 2 o'clock this morning and kissing their baby. The supposition is that Hammond left the house mmediately after this. It is thought by Mr. Palmer that Hammond went directly to the Dempster-street pier and flung himself into the lake. When Mr. Palmer was asked as to

statement that appeared in a local paper o the effect that Hammond had "feathered is own nest," to the detriment of stockholders of the National Bank of Illinois he said: "Hammond had no ready money to speak of. All his savings were put di rectly into National Bank of Illinois stock of which he was the largest individual holder. His home in Evanston was placed on the market for sale as soon after the collapse of the National Bank of Illinois as it could be." Mr. Palmer said that it as it could be." Mr. Palmer said that it was his opinion that Hammond carried in the neighborhood of \$60,000 of life insurance. Mr. Palmer said that ever since a local paper had published articles reflecting on Hammond he had not been himself; that he worried about the feeling the publications had created against him in the public mind. Mr. Palmer said he had entertained TOLEDO, O., Jan. 2.—The coffee war is of the season. Trees and wires are breaking down from the weight of the freezing sleet. Seven inches of rain has fallen in the vicinity of Fayette since Friday eventing, and it continues to rain hard. All creeks and branches are out of their banks and the bottom lands are submerged. Much lower. They declare they will keep prices under those of the Arbuckles at any cost.

grave fears that it would result in Ham-mond having nervous prostration and the taking of his own life. As soon as the coroner heard officially of the death of Mr. Hammond he sent a deputy to Evanston. The man's friends expressed a desire to have the inquest held at once, and it was held this afternoon at 2:30. On a key ring found in the dead man's possession was a pasteboard check bearing the name C. W. Brege, and the following words: "Containing bankers' Tel bonds." The verdict of the jury was that Mr. Hammond had committed suicide while

THE DEAD BANKER.

temporarily deranged.

Hammond Said to Have Been Responsible for Making Bad Loans. The suicide of W. A. Hammond recalls the suicide of Otto Wasmansdorf, the banker, a few days ago. Wasmansdorf's death was the direct result of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois, the collapse of that institution pulling down the firm of Wasmansdorf & Heinemann, of which Wasmansdorf was the senior partner. Wasmansdorf blew his brains out with a revolver. Mr. Hammond was the vice president of the bank and active in the management, in fact, is said to have been the responsible head, since Mr. Schneider, the president, was too feeble to do much work. The large loans to the Calumet Electric particularly, and to others, which resulted in the closing of the bank, are understood to have been made by Mr.

The residence of the Hammonds is situated on Greenwood boulevard, in Evanston, and was erected five years ago. It cost not less than \$50,000, and some of the recent adverse criticisms were based on the cur- ports from the stricken town are very rent allegation that it represented some improper gains. When Mr. Hammond was when they sighted the body floating only a | ready to build his present home he paid R. D. Shepard, the business agent of the Northwestern University, the highest price to recognize the object as the body of a for the lot ever paid in Evanston for resiman. They immediately ran for assistance | dence property. This was \$200 a foot and it and conducted two policemen to the spot. | made the total valuation of his home \$50,-The body had been in that time washed al- | 000. The interior furnishings are in keep- less hurt. The entire family of a Mr. most upon the beach and the policemen had ing with the exterior of the house and Goodman, four in number, were killed. W. mented by the purchase of \$3,000 worth of additional furniture. As a prominent resident of Evanston Mr. Hammond's name debris, but other members of the family appeared on all the town club rolls and he was specially well known at the Evanston Ciub. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. In addition to his official duties in the Illinois National Bank Mr. Hammond was director in the Oakland National Bank, the Phenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, the street cable car line, the Chicago Opera House Company and the Chicago Railway Company. The first open charges against the business integrity of Mr. Hammond were made

only about ten days ago. Then he was ac-

cused of being a "kiter." He was also

charged with deceiving the directors of the

bank, the depositors and deliberately vio-

lating the national bank law. His alleged irregularities are said to have begun many years ago, when the vice president, it is credit of the bank in outside speculations. This was done in such a manner, it was generally reported, that not only were the directors deceived, but the bank examiners as well. Even old employes of the bank, thoroughly familiar with the inside workings of it, were said to have been unaware of what was going on under their eyes. When it was openly charged that the second vice president had falsified the bank accounts, an investigation suggested that the irregularities must have begun at least four years ago. At this time Mr. Hammond is said to have interested himself in the Calumet Electric Railway. It is now believed that the first overdrafts to this railway, amounting to \$175,000, were made at this time, when the controller of the currency immediately called for a statement from the bank and Hammond disguised the irregularity by designating the overdrafts "foreign exchange." But this alleged irregularity only came after many years of diligent service in the institution, the wreck of which proved dsastrous to so many. In these years he had saved money, worked early and late, and the prominent position he came to occupy was the result of his years of frugality and merit. With the first desire to augment his proper salary his speculative eyes turned far from the bank. Some of his savings invested legitimately in mining schemes brought him a good profit, which he immediately put into the stock of the bank. After he had served as cashier and came to be the sec ond vice president of the bank, it is said, he began to personally interest himself in many corporations which were applicants for loans, and that in this way in course of time his judgment became biased. From a careful banker those who are now engaged in clearing away the wreckage of the financial house of which he was practically head, say he soon drifted into unwarranted speculations. Where these turned out badly the vice president is now accused of sending "good" money after "bad" and disguising his overloans in various and ille-

gal ways. men prominent in financial and business circles that criminal proceedings had not been instituted against Mr. Hammond. It has been no secret for several days past that Controller Eckels had instructed Re-ceiver McKeon to bring criminal proceedings against any of the officials of the defunct Bank of Illinois and that a special Station, in the northern portion of this investigation of Vice President Hammond's parish: "A tornado struck Mocringsport, affairs was under way. Whatever may have been Receiver McKeon's intentions, he mond, and this fact has been sharply criticised. Mr. McKeon refused to-day Hammond was at the bank Thursday." said Receiver McKeon, "I had a talk with him about the affairs of the bank. He was accustomed to come here every morning between 9 and 9:30 o'clock to confer with me. never told him that I should recommend the commencement of criminal proceedings would not care to say whether or not had intended to take such a step. General John C. Black, the United States district attorney, was very noncommittal. "I have no information about the connection of Mr. Hammond with the affairs of sistance, and soon the special train was the National Bank of Illinois beyond what I have, in common with all people, read in the newspapers. I noticed that Controller

Eckles had written to Examiner McKeon to discovered that any criminal conduct attached to the officials of the bank. McKeon has not advised me. He is the representative of the Treasury Department and in possession of the bank. From what I know of Mr. McKeon he will not be slow in following the instructions of the controller the moment he has any proof of criminality. have been, and am in readiness to proceed in any prosecutions that may fall within my duties. When Controller Eckels was informed o

Mr. Hammond's suicide in a dispatch to Washington, he said: "There have been no developments in the last few days of any- twenty others are more or less injured. The thing more serious than at first disclosed Of course, the examiner was instructed to investigate, with a view of detecting any- | sons and daughters of Jesse Goodman, who body who had been guilty of violating the | is also injured, with hisdaughter Alice, his laws. I have not asked the district attorney at Chicago to proceed in the matter of the National Bank of Illinois, but the ex- wreck. The injured are reported to be Mrs. aminer may have done so." The controller | Effie Morgan and Infant, Mrs. Gillam and of the currency was evidently much exercised over the matter, says a dispatch from Washington. He had been unsparing in Elliott, J. B. Harris, Thomas Teat, Mrs. his criticism of Mr. Hammond, and the Thomas Teat, Miss Teat and Joe Redners, latter was subjected to much criticism on the occasion of the recent visit of the bank's representatives to the controller's H. B. Croom's store, J. S. Noel's store and office. Controller Eckels declined to say whether any criminal proceedings were to have been begun against Mr. Hammond. but he intimated very strongly that the and tool house. The wounded will be late vice president's actions were a matter brought to this city in the morning and of special investigation. He added that it was the custom of the receivers acting under his instructions to realize all they could | bridge across Fairy lake is uninjured. from the assets before looking into the alleged violations of law. The following memorandum found in Mi Hammond's pockets is supposed to indicat how the excessive loan to the Calumet

Electric road was covered up on the books | State is storm-swept. Rain has fallen for of the bank by being charged to various | the past twenty-four hours. Every stream "National Bank of Illinois, \$1,497,000; forsign exchange, \$522,000; Bank of Illinois,

"Outside loans: Joliet National, \$20,000 E. G. Crawford, \$5,000; Shawmut National \$100,000; Independent National, \$50,000; Mercantile National, \$190,000: H. Wolf, \$17,000. Interest, \$67,600 Total, \$2,475,500. "Note-National Bank of Illinois note

THE COFFEE WAR.

Another Cut in Price of the Package Article Made by the Sugar Trust.

PORTIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST VIS-ITED BY A DEADLY TORNADO.

Four People Killed, Three Fatally Hurt and Twenty Less Seriously

at Mooringsport, La.

DESTROYED HOUSES

SEVERAL TOWNS IN ARKANSAS ALSO PARTLY WRECKED.

Telegraph Wires Blown Down and Full Extent of Damage and Loss of Life Unknown.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 2.-A tornado,

leaving death and devastation behind, de-

scended on the little town of Mooringsport,

La., at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. The re-

meager, owing to the complete prostration of all telegraph and telephone wires, but a special received at Texarkana at midnight says that four people were killed outright, three are known to have been fatally injured and twenty others more or did not fare so well. Two of his little children were badly crushed and cannot recover, while his mother-in-law received fatal injuries. Mooringsport is a town of 600 or 1,000 inhabitants, situated on the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf Railroad, twentyfive miles west of Texarkana. The town is an old one, but its population has been considerably augmented by the advent of the Gulf Railroad a few months ago. The railway officials dispatched a relief train alleged, began to use the money and the at 5 o'clock to the scene of the disaster, but at midnight no further details have

been received from the little town. Advices from southwestern Arkansas state that a violent wind and lightning storm prevailed there this afternoon, Houses were blown down, and in some instances railway travel is interrupted. A report from Benton, Ark., on the Iron Mountain road, twenty miles south of Little Rock, says that a tornado struck that place late to-day and twenty houses were demoiished. There was no loss of life mentioned in the dispatch. All communication with Hot Springs has been cut off. At Cameron, a small lumber station ten miles north of Texarkana, on the Cotton Belt road, the storm raged furiously, doing considerable damage. One man is reported killed at this place. Every effort has been made by the telegraph companies to establish communication with Lewisville, McNeill, Magnolia, Pine Bluff and the larger towns located in the southwestern part of the State, but no reports have been received from that section up to this hour. Iron Mountain Railway officials report a heavy storm on the southern division of that line, and the St. Louis Cannon-ball express is delayed several hours. Little Rock was visited by the storm, but no damage of consequence oc-

Relief Train at Mooringsport. SHREVEPORT, La., Jan. 2.-At 4:20 this afternoon Captain M. L. Scoville received the following dispatch from Blanchard's La., at 3:45 p. in. to-day and destroyed dence. Quite a number of dead and wounded. Please get several doctors and what assistance you wish and be ready at 6 p. engine and coach, ready to start at that J. H. ELLIOTT, Trainmaster."

Upon the receipt of this telegram the Kansas City officials, headed by Captain Scoville, began to organize a special to go to the relief of these in distress. A large C number of citizens volunteered their asready to start. The doctors on board were, City Physician Cleary, Coroner Coty, Dr. Furman and several hospital students. The relief train was also supplied with cots, bandages, surgeon's appliances and instruments. The officials of the Kansas City road have done everything in their power to provide for those in distress at Moorings.

Later.-The relief train reached Mooringsport at 7:35 p. m. in a downpour of rain. A relay wire was rigged up and at a late hour the report is that four are dead, three are fatally wounded and will die and dead are Willie, Maud, Hall and an infant, wife and nephew, Claude. Their home is a two children, Mrs. Thomas Elgin, Thomas colored. The houses left standing are W. well's residence and the railroad station taken to the hospital for treatment. The

Missouri Storm-Swept. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2 .- Specials from differ-

ent portions of Missouri show that the in the vicinity of Sedalla is out of its banks. Railway washouts are numerous. Reports from Warsaw, Bagnell and Clinton Indicate a high stage of water on the Osage river. At the first named place the river has risen nine feet since midnight tast night, and the residents thereabouts fear a repetition of the great floods which destroyed nearly all the crops and much stock. A blizzard, with snow and rain intermingled, has raged all day in western portions of the State, and the sleet and snow is three inches deep this evening Every indication points to the worst storm